

COUNTYWIDE RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

September 12, 2011

MEETING NOTES

Present: Mark Pharoh, Jeri Lyn Shelley, Chris Richardson, Sean Thomas Smith, Christine Brett(Parks), Mary Bradford(Parks) George Schlapo, Paul Lofgren, Jeff Bourne(Rec), Robin Riley(Rec), Gabe Albornoz(Rec), Vivien Hsueh(Commission on Aging)

Absent: Ron McNabb, Jim Kryminski, James Zepp, John Williams, Dave Magill, Up County Board Rep, Kamran Rasul(Commission for people with Disabilities)

Rec Update – Gabe Albornoz

- Update on successful summer programs
- 14,000 kids in summer activities
- Miracle League field opening and programs start this weekend
- After-school programs beginning this week
- Budget for FY13 work already under way – more to come
- Curfew bill and teen hearing upcoming

Parks Update

Christine Brett

- Wheaton Skate numbers doing very well, Cabin John numbers down, pro shops doing great, Tennis holding its own, Golf Driving did very well, 300 registered in clinics
- Event Centers bursting at the seams, Woodlawn Revenues exploded: nine weddings over Labor Day weekend, Tent pad has almost pad for itself
- Doing more events and marketing at Ag History Farm
- Skate Park doing well, lights has helped, have 171 season pass holders, Wednesday adult skate doing fantastically
- Have tour planned for Business meeting planners: tour facilities, lunch, and discussion over options

Mary Bradford, Director of Parks

- CIP budget forum went well, decisionmakers now reviewing list
- Will present list of projects at next meeting
- Significant storm damage still recovering
- Budget process very different for parks, they are reviewing and estimating budget numbers for FY13 – not given marc like Montgomery County Recreation

Down 63 employees from last year, eliminated 68 positions from previous year

Local Boards

Down County - Jeri Lyn Ray-Shelley

No meetings yet this year, updated on the Brickyard meeting

Eastern – Mark Pharaoh – No meeting yet this year, is taking tour of two golf courses in next few weeks invited other board members to join him; Burtonsville Days coming up this month, asked to review bylaws and make decisions on number of boards, number of meetings.

Attended council worksession on elimination of some boards – more meetings to be held but thought it might have some steam to pass

Up County – No report

Mid County – Paul Lofgren will be the new rep to CWRAB, spoke about excitement of new Mid County Community Center opening, looking for support to change transportation schedules and drop off so that seniors and students can get access to Mid County, asked for Gabe's support and help in making those connections

Future board meetings will be at Mid County – however their next meeting will be at Leisure World due to interest from residents there regarding access to Mid County Community Center, etc. Meeting is on October 6 and Councilmember Navarro will attend.

Robin Riley – Updates on: 9/11 event, Parks Marathon, Silver Spring Jazz Festival, new Montgomery County Recreation webpage, described new pass programs, Germantown Indoor Pool opening, invited all to attend Pooch Pool Party.

CIP Update – Jeff Bourne

Vision 2030 – Now completed, identify gap analysis, then facility development plans unfold from that, handed out draft, asked for feedback in next few weeks
Update on projects:

White Oak – on schedule, completion target April

Scotland – may have delay due to permits, scheduled to close in October

Ross Boddy, Good Hope – both in design development phase

North Bethesda – shifted to be a component of White Flint Plan

Old Business – Complete bylaws revision, change from 4 boards to 3

New Business – Broader representation, recruitment of new members from different geographic areas of county and broad interest groups. PROS plan for Parks delayed by several months more to come in upcoming meetings.

ACTION ITEMS:

Revenue Authority at next meeting

Review of Facility Development Plan at next meeting

Recreation will forward last revision of bylaws to Board members from final review at next meeting

Recreation will Contact UpCounty Recreation Board to discuss representation

Recreation will forward all schedules of local board meetings to all members

Guest : Kathleen Michels: Invited to join either the local or CWRAB Board, asked about Wheaton Rec/Library project – Gabe replied on moving forward at this time, concerned about different county agencies and projects not speaking to one another – Environmental protection has green street project in place near the Wheaton Library for bioretention area – yet DEP not aware of capital project; asked about Kemp Mill Park, and synthetic turf projects. Encouraged to join board or ask in advance to be placed on agenda.